price support. Loan is also advanced from Sugar Development Fund to sugar undertakings for development of sugarcane in factory areas.

Pending irrigation projects for clearance

2350. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many irrigation proposals (Projects) are waiting for clearance;

(b) since when they are pending;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government will prepare a suitable scheme to avoid this delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) List of Irrigation projects waiting for environmental and forestry clearance is given in the Statement. *(See* below).

(d) Projects are normally accorded Environmental clearance within a stipulated time of 120 days after receipt of complete information. The Government constantly monitors all pending proejcts for avoiding delays.

Statement

Projects pending for clearance

S. No. Name of the Project	Pending since	Reasons for pendency
1 2	3	4
A. Environmental Clearance		
Andhra Pradesh		
1. Modernisation of Kumool Cuddapa Canal Irrigation Project	February 1996	Additional information awaited
Haryana		
2. Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal	September 1996	Under process
Karnataka		
3. Upper Krishna Project Stage-II	September 1996	-do-
4. Upper Krishna Stage-I Phase-Ill	November 1996	-do-
Rajasthan		
5. Bisalpur Irrigation Project.	January 1994	Additional information awaited
Uttar Pradesh		
6. Ganga Barrage Project	March 1996	-do-
7. Agra Barrage Project	April 1996	-do-
8. Ban Sagar Project	April 1996	-do-
9. Pre-feasibility report of Kamali Yamuna Link	September 1996	Under process

1 2	3	4
10. Jaruli Pump Canal Project.	September 1996	-do-
B. Forestry clearance		
Maharashtra		
1. Goki Medium Irrigation Project (Yavatmal Distt.) 386.645 ha.	August, 1995	-do-
2. Hattigota Medium Irrigation project, Chandrapur. 800.67 ha.	February 1996	-do-
3. Patnadevi Minor Irrigation Project, Jalgaon. 78.00 ha.	April, 1996	-do-
4. Constt. of Bamni New Minor Irrigation Tank Gadchiroli. 35.565 ha.	August, 1996	-do-
5. Constt. of M.I.T. at Bongalhheda (Pimpri Pancham) Jalgaon.	August, 1996	-do-
6. Constt. of Sonarangi Minor Irrigation Tank, Gadchiroli. 31.20 ha.	September, 1996	-do-
Himachal Pradesh		
7. Diversion of 30.0785 ha. of Forest and for construction of Shahnehar project Kangra Distt.	September, 1996	-do-
Madhya Pradesh		
8. Diversion of 1080.220 ha. of Forest land for construction of Sondur Dam project in Raipur Distt.	September, 1996	-do-
9. Diversion of 136.290 ha. of Forest land for construction of Dokriya Nalla Tank Project in Balaghat Distt.	August, 1996	-do-

Programme for expansion of Agricultural Production

2351. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any comprehensive programme for expansion of agricultural production in the country particularly in the State of Punjab during the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) A number of centrally sponsored-schemes are being implemented in various parts of the country for development of agriculture. The list of schemes being implemented in Punjab